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Why Should I Be a Responsible Pet Guardian?

Each year millions of homeless animals are taken in by shelters around the country; millions are neglected and inhumanely treated and millions are euthanized.

Pet overpopulation problems affect people as well as animals:

- cost to taxpayers for animal control services
- spread of disease both among animals and between animals and humans
- incidence of animal bites
- damage or destruction to property
- traffic accidents involving animals
- abuse of animals which often leads to human violence

To combat this situation we are asking you, the public, to help us reduce the number of stray, unwanted and, at times, abused animals by:

- making a lifetime commitment to care for your pet
- keeping your animals under restraint when off your property
- contacting MADACC at 414-649-8640, when you see stray, roaming animals
- reporting any violence and cruelty towards animals to your local police department

What is a Responsible Pet Guardian?

Being a responsible pet guardian and good neighbor includes the following:

- providing proper basic care which includes food, water, shelter and veterinary care...it's the law!
- vaccinating your animal against rabies and purchasing a license tag for your dog as prescribed by the city ordinance...it's the law!
- keeping animals under restraint (on a leash) when off your property...it's the law!
- removing feces—be prepared to pick up after your pet...it's the law!
- spaying or neutering your pet. Don't let your pet contribute to the pet overpopulation problem. With millions of unwanted animals born each year, spaying and neutering is the most effective and preventative solution in controlling pet overpopulation
- providing training for your pet so that issues of aggression can be resolved